Assembly Bill No. 1514

CHAPTER 17

An act to amend Section 13863 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public safety services, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1514, Goldsmith. Fire protection districts.

Existing law authorizes fire protection districts to enter into mutual aid agreements with any federal or state agency, any city, county, city and county, or special district.

This bill would extend that authorization to authorize fire protection districts to enter into mutual aid agreements with any federally recognized Indian tribe.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13863 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

13863. (a) A district may enter into mutual aid agreements with any federal or state agency, any city, county, city and county, special district, or federally recognized Indian tribe.

- (b) A district may also enter into mutual aid agreements with any private firm, corporation, or federally recognized Indian tribe that maintains a full-time fire department. The firm, corporation, or federally recognized Indian tribe, or any of its employees, shall have the same immunity from liability for civil damages on account of personal injury to or death of any person or damage to property resulting from acts or omissions of its fire department personnel in the performance of the provisions of the mutual aid agreement as is provided by law for the district and its employees, except when the act or omission occurs on property under the control of the firm, corporation, or federally recognized Indian tribe.
- SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

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In order to provide urgently needed services within an appropriate timeframe, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.